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# Morton Grove Public Library

## Library Finds Many Ways to Celebrate September

September comes quickly and seems to be a time for new beginnings: new school year and Sunday hours at the Library. At MGPL, we are finding lots of ways to celebrate September. First, this is officially **Library Card Sign-Up Month**. A library card opens the door to a new world of books, cassettes and videos, as well as other materials like our new Magni-Cams. Also this is **National Literacy Month** to call attention to those who are functionally illiterate. Our lobby display case gives more information.

At MGPL, we have chosen September as **Music Month**. Two Lyric Opera lectures introduce *Simon Boccanegra* and *Xerxes*. Find out more about jazz, the only truly American music, at "Jazz – What Is It?" and at Lunch Time Movies. Check the calendar page for dates and times of programs.

The Children's Dept. has a special treat for September: It's **Roald Dahl Month**. October brings us Halloween, so we'll find **R.L. Stine Month** mania in the Children's Dept.. See page 3 for more details.

Elsewhere in the Library, October is **Computer Learning Month**. Three Saturday mornings, the Library will offer sessions on using computers: WordPerfect, surfing the Internet, and choosing hardware and software.

The Library will soon add a DOS/Windows PC and printer for public use in addition to the Macintosh and Apple IIe already available. Software for the new PC includes Microsoft Word and WordPerfect, plus ClarisWorks , which includes word processing, drawing, painting, spreadsheet and database modules. Time on any of the three computers can be reserved by calling the Library's Reader's Service Desk at 708-965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

## Monet's Magic Comes to MGPL

There's no need to fight the crowds downtown to see this major Impressionist exhibit. Lee Gibbs brings "The Magic of Monet" to the Library with her enticing program **Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.** Lee will present slides enhanced with quotes from Monet's letters and writings by his friends.

Paintings from 37 private collections and 66 worldwide institutions have been collected for this special one-time exhibit.

Lee has presented several interesting art programs at the Library over the years, including programs on Paul Gaugin and Chicago Art and Sculpture. You won't want to miss her "Magic of Monet" at the Morton Grove Public Library.

## Portable Magnifier Helps Library Patrons With Low Vision

Thanks to a generous donation, the Morton Grove Public Library can offer better services to the visually impaired. The Morton Grove Woman's Club has presented the Library with two hand-held electronic magnifiers which connect to any television set.

The viewers, called Magni-Cams, enlarge type up to 38 times on your television screen, making it easier for persons with low vision to read books, maps, telephone books, newspapers and other printed materials. Unlike other viewers, the Magni-Cam can be used to see print on curved surfaces such as ingredient labels for prescription bottles or soup cans. Even photographs can be scanned with the Magni-Cam. Special attachments allow users to write checks or letters.

Barbara Duffy, president of the Morton Grove Woman's Club, reported the group's annual luncheon raised $8100, with the largest single gift going to the Library for the purchase of the Magni-Cams.

The Magni-Cams are available for check out from the Reader's Service desk for a three-week loan. A deposit is required to check out the viewer. For a demonstration or for further information about the Magni-Cam, call Kate Johnston-Legg at the Library at (708) 965-4220 (TDD 965-4236)

**MGPL Hours**

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

***Closed Sunday and Monday, September 3 & 4.***

Are you ready for a really revolting recipe? Stop by the Children's Dept. for Stink Bugs' Eggs. See inside.

# Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

## Calendar Summary

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| **September** | | | |
| 9/4 | Mo | Library closed | |
| 9/5 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 9/10 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Lecture |
| 9/11 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *While You Were Sleeping* PG-13 (100 min) |
| 9/12 | Tu | 11:30 | Jazz Videos |
| 9/14 | Th | 7:30 | Walking for Fun & Fitness |
| 9/14 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 9/15 | Fr | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 9/16 | Sa | 2:00 | Children's Summer Reading Club Awards Ceremony |
| 9/17 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Lecture |
| 9/19 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 9/23 | Sa | 2:00 | Jazz Lecture |
| 9/26 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 9/26 | Tu | 7:00 | Book Discussion Group |
| **October** | | | |
| 10/3 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 10/7 | Sa | 10:00 | Computer 101 |
| 10/10 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 10/11 | We | 7:00 | *The Magic of Monet* |
| 10/11 | We | 7:30 | Massage Therapy (held at MG Park District) |
| 10/12 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 10/13 | Fr | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 10/14 | Sa | 10:00 | Computer 102 |
| 10/16 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *Muriel's Wedding* R (105 min) |
| 10/17 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 10/21 | Sa | 10:00 | Computer 103 |
| 10/22 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Lecture |
| 10/24 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 10/24, 10/25, 10/26 | Tu, We, Th | | Babysitting Course |
| 10/24 | Tu | 7:00 | Book Discussion Group |
| 10/31 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call 708-965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Programs

## September

**Lyric Opera Lecture –** Lyric Opera Lecture Corps member Barbara Roseman opens the season with *Simon Boccanegra*. This romantic Verdi masterpiece tells the story of the plebeian who rises to become the Doge of Genoa in 14th century Italy. **Sun. 9/10 2:00 p.m.**

**Jazz Videos –** Join us for a special Lunch Time Movies to explore this distinctive music in two videos, *Jazz: The Intimate Art* and *Louis Armstrong: The Gentle Giant of Joy*. **Tues. 9/12 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Walking for Fun and Fitness –** An expert from Rush North Shore Medical Center gives an overview of the joy and benefits of walking: how fast, how far, how to get started and how to stay motivated. The Library co-sponsors this program with the Morton Grove Park District. **Note: This program will be held at the Library.** To register, please call Rush at 708-933-6000. **Thurs. 9/14 7:30 p.m.**

**Lyric Opera Lecture –** Lecture Corps member Kip Kelley reviews *Xerxes*, Handel's comic opera of a Persian king whose love life has gone awry. **Sun. 9/17 2:00 p.m.**

**Jazz – What is It? –** Modern jazz pianist and Morton Grove resident Rich Lichtenstein shares his vast knowledge of the evolution of the jazz world through lecture, records and demonstration. Mr. Lichtenstein has taught this course to high school humanities classes since 1974. **Sat. 9/23 2:00 p.m.**

## October

Each of the following sessions by computer consultant Mary Jane Crotty is 1 1/2 hours long and begins at 10:00 a.m. :

**Computer 101 –** A demonstration of WordPerfect, including inside tips. **Sat. 10/7**

**Computer 102 –** A beginner's guide to surfing the Internet. **Sat. 10/14**

**Computer 103 –** An overview of buying software and hardware. **Sat 10/21**

**Massage Therapy –** Co-sponsored with the Morton Grove Park District and presented by Rush North Shore Medical Center. **Note: This program will be held at the Park District.** To register, please call Rush at 708-933-6000. **Wed. 10/11 at 7:30 p.m.**

**The Magic of Monet –** Lee Gibbs shows slides of the current Monet exhibit from the Art Institute. See story, page 1. **Wed. 10/11 at 7 p.m.**

**Lyric Opera Lecture –** Helene Frey-Gryfakis previews *Don Pasquale*, the adventure of an older man who learns the hard way that "there's no fool like an old fool." **Sun. 10/22 2:00 p.m.**

## Films

### September

*While You Were Sleeping*
PG – 13 (100 min) Sandra Bullock plays Lucy, a lonely CTA token-taker who rescues the man she has loved from afar. While he is comatose, his family mistakes Lucy as his fiancee. **Mon. 9/11, 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

### October

*Muriel's Wedding* R (105 min.) Muriel, played by Toni Collette, dreams of being a bride in this Australian film. **Mon. 10/16 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**November preview**: *Apollo 13* lands at MGPL

## Art Exhibits

### Baxter Room

**September** - Theresa Parker displays her abstract drawings and prints of social and religious heritage.

**October** - Mark Pawl displays his watercolor landscapes.

### Lobby Display Case

**September** - "Learn to Read/Read to Learn" highlights the plight of illiteracy in America. The Library has an excellent collection of literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL) books and cassettes.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from ESL or adult reading classes, or you would like to volunteer as a literacy tutor, please call the Oakton District Public Library Literacy Coalition at 708-635-1426.

## Kids Programs

### *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes* Debuts for Author-of-the-Month

Have you ever tried snozzcumbers or mosquitoes' toes? Maybe you'd like to have lickable wallpaper and eatable marshmallow pillows in your house. These delectable treats come from *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes,* a book inspired by the delightful and disgusting foods from many of Roald Dahl's books.

The Children's Dept. honors Dahl and his books during the month of September. For every Dahl book completed, readers enter a raffle for prizes. All who have read a Dahl book during September are invited to a "Dahlicious" taste-testing party of treats from *Revolting Recipes* on **Saturday, September 30.**

Spooky and scary is the theme for October when R.L. Stine is the author-of-the-month. Look for details in the Children's Dept..

Younger readers haven't been forgotten! Coming in November: Berenstain Bears' Month.

### Battle of the Books

**Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades:** Ask your teachers about signing up for your Battle of the Books team. Copies of the book list are available in the Children's Dept.. Start reading now, so you'll be ready for Battle in late October.

### Kids Hit the Road for Reading Club

The Children's Dept. reports that 280 kids read more than 3,275 books in their travels west.

A party for all summer reading club participants will be held **Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m.**

### Be a Super Sitter

The Library's Fall babysitting course returns **Tuesday – Thursday, October 24 – 26 at 3:45 p.m.** Bill Porter from the Morton Grove Fire Department teaches this class for residents ages 12 and up.

Mr. Porter instructs sitters in basic safety and what to do in case of an emergency. The students have a chance to role play situations they may encounter while babysitting. A Morton Grove police officer will talk about security measures.

Class size is limited to 15 and fills up fast. Call Kate Johnston-Legg at the Library at (708) 965-4220 to register and you'll be on your way to being a super sitter.

### Children's Classes

Fall session begins Ocober 9. Registration starts September 11 for Morton Grove residents and September 18 for non-residents.

**Phone registration for classes will be taken after 9:30 a.m.**

**Pre-School Storytime**
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

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| Monday | 1:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | 6:45 pm |

Class limit – 30

**Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents**
Please choose one of the following:

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| Thursday | 10:30 am |
| Friday | 10:30 am |

Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

**Stories & Stuff**
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

**Arts & Crafts**

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| Grades 1-3 Mon. | 4:00 pm |
| Grades 4-6 Fri. | 4:00 pm |

Class limit – 15

**Creative Writing**
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

# Library Favorites

## Lunch Time Movies

Every **Tuesday at 11:30 am**, the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1 1/2 hours of videos.

Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for a friendly and interesting mealtime.

## New Book Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the Library by attending the monthly New Book Showcase previewing the Library's latest acquisitions. Moving from its normal second Friday of the month *for September only*, the Showcase will be at **10:00 on September 15 and October 13**.

## Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, has proven so interesting that it is now being offered monthly.

Roberta Johnson leads the group which now meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Upcoming books for discussion are *The Robber Bride* by Margaret Atwood (**9/26**), *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis (**10/24**), and *House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton (**11/28**).

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# Reference Round-up

If you are planning a fall vacation these two books can give you some interesting travel ideas: **Guide to Tourist Railroads and Railroad Museums** lists more than 350 railroad attractions in North America, how to find them, and special events. **The Complete Four Sport Stadium Guide** gives pertinent information about major baseball and football stadiums and hockey and basketball arenas, including helpful facts such as parking information and nearby lodging.

Since October is Computer Learning Month, you might be interested in the newest edition of **Buy That Computer.** This book includes tips on assessing your needs, buying and setting up your computer and how to get the most out of using it. After your computer is operational, you can learn how to select CD-ROMs for your home or office with **CD-ROMs in Print**, a directory of than 8,000 titles from adult entertainment to zoology.

# Local History Collection Offers News Clips

The Local History Collection, located in the lower level of the Library, maintains a newspaper clipping vertical file. Do you need information on events in your local schools? Was a family member pictured in the paper? We may have a copy for you to read.

The Local History Room is open to the public on Monday , Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Library is looking for volunteers to staff additional hours. Call 708-965-4220 to volunteer.

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